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# CLT IS SIXTH BUSIEST AIRPORT IN WORLD

## AIRPORT'S RANKING MOVES UP

**CHARLOTTE, NC** – Charlotte Douglas is the sixth busiest airport in the world, according to 2011 **preliminary** rankings recently released by Airports Council International (ACI). The final report will be published later this spring. The latest figures move CLT up from 2010 numbers, which placed the Airport seventh worldwide and nationwide in aircraft movements. Last year, CLT oversaw 539,842 landings and departures, a two percent increase from 2010. The jump occurred in spite of a 70-day closure (August 15-October 23) of the center runway for concrete repaving.

CLT placed 11<sup>th</sup> nationwide and 25<sup>th</sup> worldwide in passenger numbers, which remained consistent with 2010 rankings. Last year, CLT experienced the largest passenger traffic in Airport history, welcoming more than 39.04 million visitors. The complete ACI report may be viewed at:  
[http://www.airports.org/aci/aci/file/Press%20Releases/2012/PR\\_2012-03-27\\_PreliminaryResults\\_2011.pdf](http://www.airports.org/aci/aci/file/Press%20Releases/2012/PR_2012-03-27_PreliminaryResults_2011.pdf).

Airport officials attribute much of the gain to added flights by airlines who serve CLT. As the second largest hub on the east coast, CLT offered nonstop service to 138 destinations and averaged 673 daily departures in 2011.

The Airport continues to plan for future growth with the implementation of CLT 2015. The five-year development plan includes:

- Roadway dynamic signage package
- Expansion of deicing operations
- In-line baggage system
- Baggage Claim renovations
- Concourse E expansion
- Eastside terminal expansion
- New Hourly deck construction
- Terminal roadway and lobby expansion
- New Airport entrance road
- Parking revenue control system

Some of these construction projects have been completed, while others are in progress or will begin soon. Overall cost of the development plan, scheduled to wrap-up in 2015, is estimated at more than \$500 million.

Also in the works, Norfolk Southern's new intermodal facility is scheduled to open at CLT in 2014. It will replace the existing 40-acre facility along North Davidson and North Brevard streets in uptown. Once operational, it is expected to generate \$9 billion in economic impact over the next 20 years, create thousands of jobs in Charlotte and increase CLT's cargo traffic.

Visit [cltairport.com](http://cltairport.com) for more information, and follow the Airport on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

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*Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) is owned and operated by the City of Charlotte. Serving more than 39 million passengers in 2011, CLT is ranked 6th nationally in airport operations and 11th in passengers. \* Six major carriers, 14 regional carriers and three foreign flag carriers offer 677 daily flights from CLT with nonstop service to 138 destinations, including 36 international locations. \*Data from Airports Council International preliminary rankings*